

Prof. Flower exhibited a coloured drawing of *Delphinus tursio*, Fabr., taken from a nearly full-grown male animal which had been caught at Holyhead on the 5th of October, 1868. Its length was 9 feet 6 inches. The drawing, with a description of the animal, will appear in the 'Transactions' of the Society.

A communication was read from Mr. Gerard Krefft, C.M.Z.S., containing a description and figure of a Bat, of which a specimen had lately been obtained in Queensland, and which Mr. Krefft was inclined to refer to a new genus and species of the family Phyllostomatidæ. It was pointed out by Mr. Alston that the Bat in question was probably more correctly referable to the genus *Megaderma*, but was of great interest, as no species of that genus had yet been recorded as found in Australia.

The following papers were read:—

1. Description of a new Species of Woodpecker from the Island of Tzus Sima, near Japan. By Rev. H. B. TRISTRAM, F.R.S.

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(Plate XXXI.)

I have lately had placed in my hands for examination, through the kindness of Vice-Admiral Sir Geo. Henry Richards, K.C.B., F.R.S., a small but very interesting collection of birds, made by his son, Lieut. Richards, R.N., in the Japanese seas, among which are some half-dozen species from the island of Tzus Sima, very seldom visited, and situated midway between Japan and the Corea. All belong to well-known Japanese forms, excepting one, which appears to me to be undescribed, and which I venture to name in honour of its discoverer

DRYOCOPUS RICHARDSI, sp. nov. (Plate XXXI.)

Dr. niger, pene resplendens; imo pectore, abdominis lateribus tergoque albis, crisso nigro, gula cinerea-nigra; remigibus sex prioribus ad apices albis; subalaribus et pogonio interno rectricum et tectricum superiorum ad basin albis per duos digitos longitudinis, tectricibus caudæ superioribus et inferioribus albo marginatis: long. tot. 19, alæ 9·6, caud. 8, rostr. a rictu 2·5, lat. ad basin ·75, tarsi 1·25, digit. med. cum ungue 1·8.

This species is very nearly allied to *Thriponax hodgsoni* (Jerd.) and *T. crawfurdi*, G. R. Gr., the former from Malabar, the latter from Pegu. But no species of this genus has yet been observed in the vast intermediate region, although Mr. Swinhoe procured *Dryocopus martius* at Pekin. I cannot find any record of any large Woodpecker being found in Japan, though we may feel certain that



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J Smit lith.

Hanhart imp.

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